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APD Employees Come Together to Support One of Their Own



On April 24, 2008 Austin Police Department's Chief of Police Art Acevedo sent out a memo to all APD Employees about a 911 Call-taker who needed help. "It has come to our attention that one of our very own is in need of some help."

"Tina Pesina is an exemplary employee whom we've watched grow through the years from being a 911 Call-taker, to a 311 operator,

teletype operator, to dispatcher, to lead."

"Tina requires a wheel chair for her mobility and participates in races throughout the year, representing Austin Police Department's Emergency Communications Division. She trains with Sgt. Scott Cary and the APD Run Team to stay competitive for these events. Recently, Tina has encountered some problems that have made it very difficult for her. Although she continues using her current chair it is in disrepair and not suited for racing."

After the memo went out it wasn't long before fund raising efforts moved forward to get Tina a new wheelchair. \$4,000.00 was needed and APD's family came through. Between APD Employees, Austin Police Association, Austin Cops for Charities, Austin Police Women's Association, Amigos En Azul and Texas Peace Officers Association (TPOA) the full amount was raised and Tina's wheelchair was ordered.

On October 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. on the front steps of the Austin Police Department, 715 East 8th Street Chief Acevedo will be joined by representatives from APD, APA, Austin Cops for Charities, Austin Police Women's Association, Amigos En Azul and Texas Peace Officers Association to present Tina Pesina with her brand new wheelchair.

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